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CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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DIFFERENCE IN PRICES OF SIMILAR DRUGS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of similar drugs are different even after the price has been fixed by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action has been taken against the pharmaceutical companies which are charging higher prices on the similar drugs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. Prices fixed / revised by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1995 (DPCO, 95) are the same for the manufacturers of similar drugs and are applicable to all such manufacturers.

(c)& (d): Action against the pharmaceutical companies which are found charging higher prices on the similar drugs than notified/fixed by the NPPA, action is taken under provisions of para 13 of the DPCO, 95.